

# Timote language

**Timote**, also known as **Cuica** or **Timote–Cuica**, is the language of the **Timote–Cuica state** in the Venezuelan Andes, around the present city of Mérida and south of Lake Maracaibo.

The language is reported to have gone extinct in the early to mid 20th century. However, in 1977 it was reported that the indigenous village of Mutús, in the heart of the old Timote state, still spoke an indigenous language, which would presumably be Timote. The name is apparently Timote, as 'Timote' itself derives from *ti-mot̪i* 'Mutú speakers', and *mutú* or *mukú* is a common toponym in the region. This lead had not been followed up as of Adelaar (2004).

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	<b>Timote</b>
	Cuica
	Migurí
<b>Native to</b>	Venezuela
<b>Native speakers</b>	(perhaps 200 in the village of Mutús cited 1977)
<b>Language family</b>	Timotean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Timote</li> </ul>
<b>Dialects</b>	Timote Cuica ?Mutú (Loco)
	<b>Language codes</b>
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	—
<b>Linguist List</b>	qpj ( <a href="http://multitree.org/code/s/qpj">http://multitree.org/code/s/qpj</a> ) Timote-Cuica
	qdu ( <a href="http://multitree.org/code/s/qdu">http://multitree.org/code/s/qdu</a> ) Maguri
<b>Glottolog</b>	timo1237 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/timo1237">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/timo1237</a> ) Timote-Cuica <sup>[1]</sup>

## Dialects

The Timote and Cuica peoples apparently spoke dialects of a single language; some of the last reports of Cuica claim it was nothing other than Timote. Data is limited, but the connection is clear in the numerals:

Gloss	Timote	Cuica
1	karí	
2	xem, xen	
3	šut, sut, hisxut	šuent
4	pit	pití
5	kabó, kabok	kamó
6	kasum, kaksúm, kapsún	katseunt
7	mai-xem, mai-xén	ma-en
8	mai-xut, mai-sxut	mabi-šuent
9	mai-pit	mabi-pita
10	tabís	

Consonant clusters, somewhat unusual for the area, are found, especially in Cuica: *kču* 'bird', *stots* 'blood', Timote *klef* 'rainy season', *hutn* 'dog'.

## Mason (1950)

Mason (1950) provides a lengthy internal classification of Cuica and Timote:<sup>[2]</sup>

### Timóte (Timoti)

- 1. Timóte proper
  - Mukurujún
  - Mukusé
  - Mokoyupu
  - Mukuarsé
  - Ciribuy
  - Miyoy
  - Mukumbá
  - Kindorá
  - Tafallé
  - Mukumbají
  - Chino
- 2. Mocochí (Mokochí)
  - Miyuse
  - Tukaní
  - Mokochí (Torondoy)

### 5. Chama (Miguri ?)

- Mokunche (Mukunche, Mukuneche)
- Mukurubá (Mokuruguá)
- Tabay (Mukunutáne, Tabayon ?)
- Mukurumagua
- Guake (Guakí)
- Mukumba
- Chichuy
- Mukuñoke (Mukuño, Migurí ?)
- Mukurufuén
- Muká
- Mukumpí
- Mukutirí
- Mukusnandá
- Mukaikuy
- Mukusó, etc.

### Cuica (Kuika)

- 1. Cuica proper
- 2. Tostó
  - Tostó proper
  - Tiranjá
  - Tomoní
- 3. Eskuke (Eskukey)
  - Eskuke proper
  - Bombá
  - Moka
  - Tirandá
- Chobú
- Chachike
- Chachu
- Tirandá proper
- Estiguate (Estiguati)

- 3. Mukutu (Escaguey)
  - Eskaguey
  - Kanaguá
  - Kinó
  - Mokoino (Mokino)
  - Mombun
  - Yarikagua
  - Arikagua
  - Mukutuy
  - Mukupatí
  - Mukuchachi
  - Trikagua
  - Mokoto (Mukutu, Mukutí)
    - Guarake
    - Bailadores
- 4. Tapano
  - Aviamo
  - Mokombó (Mokobo)
  - Tapano
- Mukurandá
- Mukuhúun (Mukupine, Mokoion)
- Chiguará
- Insnumbí (Insumbi)
- Estankes
- Mukuchi (Makuchi, Mokochiz)
  - Misantá
  - Mokao
  - Mosnachó
  - Misikea, etc.
- Eskagüey
- Mukujún
- Tatuy (Tatey ?)
- Mukaria
- Mukaketá
- Mukusirí
- Kaparú
- Jají (Mukundú)
- Mukubache (Mirripú, Mirripuy, Maripú ?)
- Mukúun (Mukumpú, Lagunillas)
  - Kasés
  - Mukuinamo
  - Arikagua
  - Tibikuay
  - Makulare
  - Mukusumpú
  - Barbudos
  - Jamuén, etc.
  - Kinaró
  - Tiguiñó
- Guaruní (Guaruri)
- 4. Jajó (Jakón, Jajón)
  - Jajó proper
  - Esnijaque
  - Kikoke (Kikoki)
  - Mapen (La Vega)
  - Duri
  - Mikimboy

### Unclassified tribes

- Kirorá
- Mijure
- Montun
- Iguino

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